Reviewer's report

Title: Arthritis in adults with community-acquired bacterial meningitis: a prospective cohort study

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Reviewer: Sara Carty

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General
I think this study adds to what is already known about arthritis associated with meningitis. Although as the authors state septic arthritis is a well recognised complication of bacterial meningitis there has been little attempt to quantify this in previous large prospective studies.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Page 5, paragraph 1, line 5, suggest change after the to of.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.